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SUBJECT: - AIFLD

1. AIFLD HAS INFORMED US THAT THEIR PANAMA PROGRAM DIRECTOR FALSIFIED VOUCHERS DURING THE SEPTEMBER 1974 - MAY 1975 PERIOD IN ORDER TO FINANCE CERTAIN TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES UNAUTHORIZED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THIS CAME TO LIGHT THROUGH A ROUTINE AIFLD INTERNAL AUDIT. AID INSPECTORS (AG/IIS) HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND WILL UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATIONS SHORTLY. INITIAL INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN U.S. AND DECISION WILL BE MADE LATER AS TO WHETHER INVESTIGATION WILL REQUIRE A VISIT BY THE INSPECTORS TO PANAMA. AIFLD HAS SATISFIED ITSELF THAT THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS (APPROXIMATELY \$4,700) WAS NOT FOR PERSONAL GAIN BUT RELATED TO ASSISTANCE TO THE CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA.

2. AIFLD INTENDS TO TREAT THIS CONFIDENTIALLY AS AN INTERNAL MATTER AND WILL REIMBURSE AID FOR FUNDS IMPROPERLY EXPENDED. CLEMENTE HERNANDEZ, AIFLD PROGRAM CONFIDENTIAL

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DIRECTOR IN PANAMA WILL BE REPLACED, POSSIBLY BY ALVIN MOORE. AIFLD BELIEVES THAT THERE MAY BE SOME FRAGMENTARY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE IRREGULARITIES AMONG CERTAIN UNFRIENDLY ELEMENTS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT WHO MIGHT TRY TO EMBARRASS

AIFLD.

3. ABOVE PROVIDED FOR POST INFORMATION ONLY. IT IS NOT
NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY TO CONTACT AIFLD ABOUT THIS MATTER
AT THIS TIME OR TAKE OTHER ACTION. AID AND DEPARTMENT
INTERESTED IN KEEPING CURRENT ON ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS
WHICH COME TO EMBASSY OR USAID ATTENTION. KISSINGER

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